

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~22nd July, 1960COCOM Document No. 3717.15/6COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONMEMORANDUM FROM THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION:PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ITEM 1715 (BORON)18th July, 1960

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Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents 3717.15/1 to 5.

1. The ITALIAN Delegate referred to the United States Memorandum just distributed (COCOM Doc. 3717.15/5)). He welcomed this all the more since, as the Committee would recall, it was the Italian Delegation who had proposed on the 30th November, 1959 (see COCOM Doc. 3717.15/1) the adoption of a formula allowing limited quantities of boron products to be exported freely under certain conditions. As was shown in COCOM Doc. 3717.15/2, the majority of the Committee had already expressed themselves in favour of the Note proposed by the Italian Delegation. One Delegation, however, had not been prepared at that time to accept the wording of this Note and in consequence the Italian Delegation had not insisted, although they had reserved the right to propose this formula again as soon as the Italian authorities should consider that it would be timely.

2. Referring to the changes made by the United States Delegation in the text of the proposed Note, the Italian Delegate undertook to make known his authorities' reactions without delay. He would, however, point out at once the divergencies between his Delegation's proposal and what was suggested on page 2 of the United States Memorandum. He noted, for instance, the introduction of the custom processing factor (condition (1)) and of the quota element (condition (2)). These new concepts would call for careful study by his authorities, presenting as they did some characteristics which in the past the Committee had found it difficult to accept.

3. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate stated that he would forward the United States Memorandum to his authorities. He suggested that a discussion should be scheduled after the Annual Recess.

4. The GERMAN Delegate concurred in this suggestion. The Memorandum would be given careful study by his authorities and earlier comment would not be possible. He asked the United States Delegate whether shipments to Poland would be counted in the total of 10 shipments referred to in condition (2) of the text proposed by the United States Delegation.

5. The UNITED STATES Delegate said that he had already directed an enquiry to his authorities on the point raised by the German Delegate and expected to be in a position to inform the Committee in regard thereto at an early date. As to the remarks of the Italian Delegate, he emphasised that, as stated in the United States memorandum, the United States authorities, in formulating their proposal, had carefully considered the earlier proposal of the Italian Delegation as well as the more recent memorandum of the United Kingdom Delegation.

6. The FRENCH Delegate stated that the new proposal put forward by the United States Delegation deserved careful consideration. He agreed with the view that the matter should be taken up after the Recess.

7. The COMMITTEE agreed to place this question on the agenda for the 19th September.